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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EFIS, JA, CH

SUBJECT: PRC-JAPAN FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH E/C COUNS. FEB 5, KUNIO YONEZAWA (COUNCILLOR, DEPARTMENT OF MARINE FISHERIES, FISHERIES AGENCY), ONE OF GOJ'S KEY FISHERIES NEGOTIATORS, SAID HE EXPECTS JAPAN'S FORTHCOMING FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC WILL BE DIFFICULT. HE FELT THAT CHINESE WERE WILLING TO BE SOMEWAHT MORE GENEROUS IN EXISTING PRIVATE-LEVEL FISHERIES AGREEMENT, ON GROUNDS OF MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPANESE AND CHINESE PEOPLE, THAN IN GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT. HE THUS AGREED WITH E/C COUNS THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IN THIS CASE COULD RESULT IN TREATMENT LESS FAVORABLE TO JAPAN THAN UNDER PRE-NORMALIZATION ARRANGEMENTS. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION, HE SAID THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY PRC WOULD AGREE TO FURTHER EXTENSION OF PRIVATE-LEVEL AGREEMENT IF NEGOTIATIONS LED TO IMPASSE. IN THIS CONFIDENTIAL

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CONNECTION, HE NOTED THAT PRC IN STRONGER NEGOTIATING

POSITION BECAUSE JAPAN IS THE DOMANDEUR AND PRC HAS VIRTUALLY NOTHING TO ASK OF JAPAN.

2. FEB 6 PRESS CARRIED STORIES ON PRC-JAPAN FISHERIES
NEGOTIATIONS ECHOING THEME THAT QTE THORNY PATH AHEAD
UNQTE. ACCORDING TO PRESS, TWO MAIN STUMBLING BLOCKS
ARE (A) PRC'S INSISTENCE ON QTE MILITARY RESTRICTED ZONE
UNQTE IN POHAI BAY, WHERE FOREIGN SHIPS PROHIBITED (WHICH
JAPAN HITHERTO UNWILLING TO ACCEPT BECAUSE OF FEAR OF
SETTING PRECEDENT FOR OTHER LITTORAL STATES), AND
(B) DIFFERENCES OVER EXTENT OF PERMISSIBLE QTE FISHING OPERATIONS
UNQTE, I.E. NUMBER OF SHIPS, OPERATING PERIODS AND SIZE OF
FISHING NETS.
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